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May 11, 2010

TO: Each Supervisor

FROM: John F. Schunhoff, Ph.D.  
Interim Director

SUBJECT: **STATUS REPORT ON KEY INDICATORS OF PROGRESS,  
HOSPITAL OPERATIONS, AND OTHER ISSUES RELATED  
TO THE TRANSITION TO THE NEW LAC+USC MEDICAL  
CENTER – PROGRESS REPORT #35 (Agenda Item #S-1,  
May 11, 2010)**

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Interim Director

**Gail V. Anderson, Jr., M.D.**  
Interim Chief Medical Officer

This is to provide your Board with the bi-monthly report on the status of transitioning to the new LAC+USC Medical Center (LAC+USC). This report is not the full monthly operational report but an interim report of Emergency Department and hospital admission volumes and specialty services with trends to include the month of April 2010.

**Census Trending (ADC includes Psychiatric & Newborn Patients)**

The Average Daily Census (ADC) for the month of April was 588 out of 671 licensed beds, an estimated 86% utilization rate (88% occupancy). The census for Medical/Surgical units was an estimated 96% utilization rate (98% occupancy) for April 2010.

**Emergency Department (ED) and Hospital Admissions Trending**

Attachment 1 demonstrates the trending of ED registrations as well as admissions to both the ED and the hospital. The number of hospital admissions was 3052.

**Specialty Services**

Attachment 2 shows the ADC trends for specialty areas of OB/GYN, Pediatrics, ICU, Psychiatry, Jail and Burn Units with no significant changes.

**Cost of Transfers**

On April 27, 2010, your Board instructed the Interim Director of Health Services to report back on the cost to the County to transfer patients to other hospitals. The information is as follows:

Transfers to Silver Lake Medical Center (SLMC) – An agreement for transfers of indigent patients to SLMC became effective on November 2009. Thus far, the cost for November 2009 through March 2010 is \$0.3 M including the intergovernmental transfer of \$0.1M, for 47 transfers with an average length of stay of four days.

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Transfers to Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center (Rancho) – The appropriation for the workload is already budgeted at Rancho. There are no additional costs that exceed the budget for these transfers. There have been 1,506 transfers to Rancho from November 2008 through March 2010 at approximate \$990 variable cost per day.

Transfers of Medi-Cal Patients to Private Hospitals -- The state pays Medi-Cal Fee For Service inpatient days for public hospitals differently than they pay private hospitals. For public hospitals, the direct payment from Medi-Cal does not cover the cost of treating these patients. Therefore, there is no lost revenue to the department when we transfer these patients out of the facility ED for admission to a private hospital because we do not have inpatient beds.

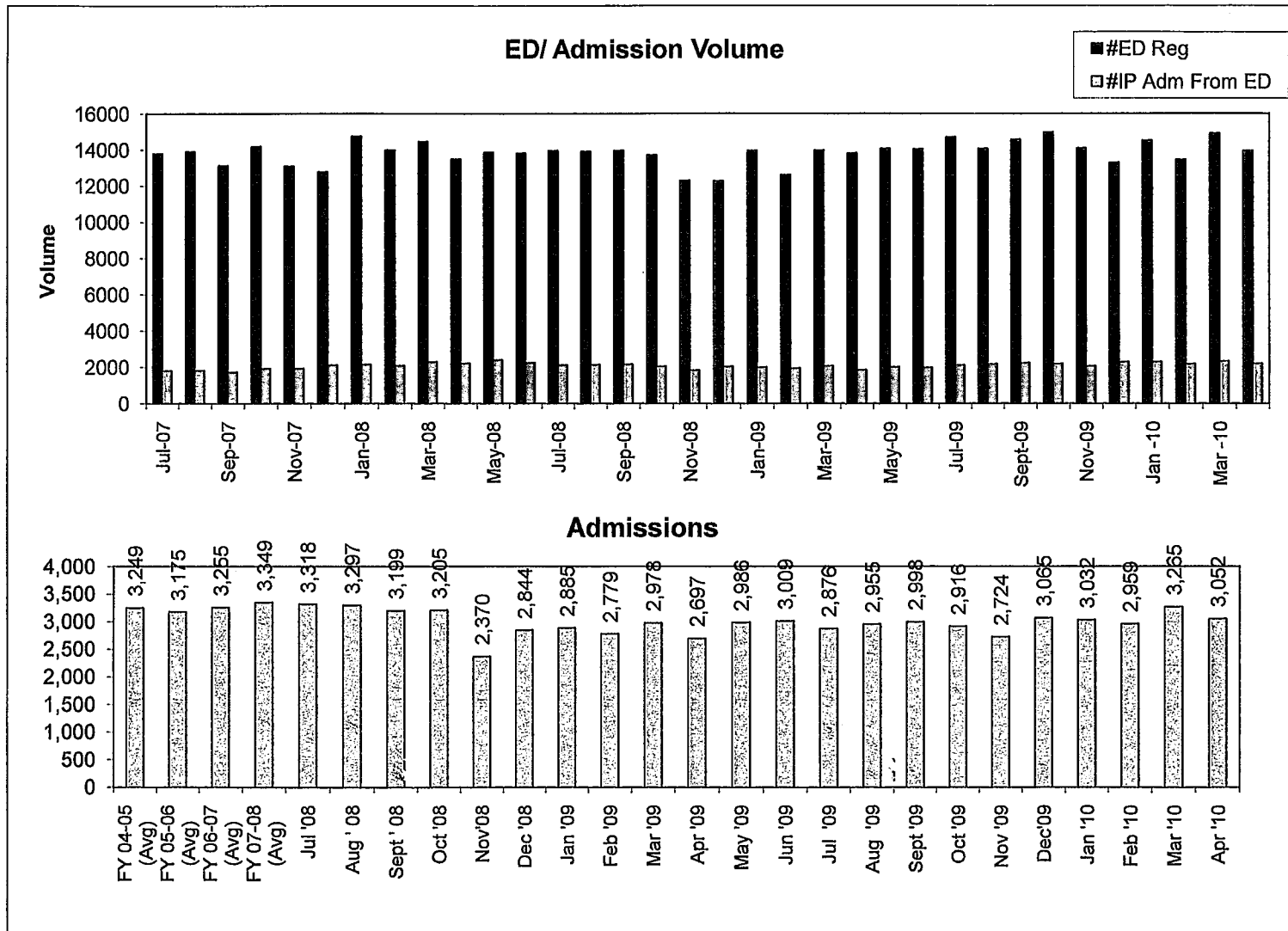
If you have any questions or need additional information please contact me or Carol Meyer, Chief Network Officer at (213) 240-8370.

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#### Attachments

c: Chief Executive Office  
County Counsel  
Executive Office, Board of Supervisors

# LAC+USC Medical Center Workload Summary



ED registration is the number of patients accessing the ED (Registrations) and includes the following categories:

- \* Left without being seen
- \* Transferred to the UADC on the same day
- \* Admitted as an inpatient
- \* Dispositioned from the ED
- \* Women's Walk-in

# LAC+USC Healthcare Network

Average Daily Census by Nursing Unit Subset, July 2008 to Apr 2010

Based on Affinity Nursing Unit Statistical Report

